BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 96-008-G - ORDER NO. 96-490

IN RE: Annual Review of the Gas Costs and Gas Purchasing Policies of Piedmont Natural Gas Company.

) ORDER GRANTING) EXTENSION OF) PRE-FILING) DEADLINE

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") on the request of the Commission Staff ("Staff") for an extension of time from July 18, 1996, until July 25, 1996, to prefile testimony and exhibits in this Docket.

The Commission has examined this matter and, for good cause shown, believes that Staff's request should be granted. Therefore, the Commission hereby orders that twenty-five copies of the testimony and exhibits of the Commission Staff shall be pre-filed on or before July 25, 1996. Parties shall serve their pre-filed testimony and exhibits on all other parties of record as required by the Commission's Rules and Regulations.

Please take note that any party requesting modification of this schedule must file a request for such modification with the Commission.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Deputy Executive Director

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